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Although the practice of remaining in the country a goodly portion of the autumn is becoming more common, yet in the case of the great majority of people the 1st of September must end back home. The million or more of people who have been living right along in New-York all through the summer will be glad to welcome again their fellow-citizens from whom they have been temporarily separated.

The Democratic conviction in the Congress district once represented by the redoubtable William L. Scott seems to be that motley is the only political war. It requires considerable ability for fooling in a candidate to establish and maintain a footing on three political platforms at the same time; but when the candidate poses as a representative of the fantastic principles of which Jeremiah Simpson is the most picturesque and persistent embodiment in the country, he ought to be viewed with an interest exceeding the merely personal. Such a protean actor on the political stage is Dr. Flood's opponent in the Congressional fight in Western Pennsylvania.

A VERY TIRED PARTY.

A politician of shrewdness and long experience, commenting on the prevalent lassitude, indifference and discouragement among Democrats, remarked: "I think this is the last time any party will undertake to run a candidate for President in three successive elections. Shouting for one man twelve years is too wearying for weak human nature." This suggests for consideration a somewhat important fact. It is sixty years since a President was elected who had been three times a candidate. No party has ever tried that experiment except the old Republican party in the person of Jefferson, who was a candidate in 1796 and elected in 1800 and 1804, and the Democratic party, which ran Jackson in 1824 and elected him in 1828 and 1832. Even in these cases it will be noticed the defeat came first; after the candidate was elected he satisfied the people well enough to secure a re-election. But no party has ever tried to elect a candidate after his first term as President had resulted in his defeat, until the Democracy, in its queer contempt for popular feeling, put up Mr. Cleveland for the third time.

Men do get weary of hearing and shouting the same name, and it is singular that the party which professes to be in closest touch with the popular feeling should have been the only one to run a Presidential candidate three times in succession. But it is just because the Democratic party does not closely represent people that it does and dares such things. It relies upon machinery, discipline and the trained force of mercenaries who have held offices and jobs under a leader and want to hold them again, and thus the party comes to care as little as it pretends to care much for the popular wishes and feelings. Something more substantial and reasonable than mere weariness justifies the distaste of the millions for a perpetual candidate. There is the feeling that his trained cohorts and henchmen will have the preference if he obtains power, and that men who are as worthy and fresher can be found for offices and places of trust. It is not, and never will be, the popular wish that a permanent office-holding class should grow up under the Republic.

But the objection goes still deeper. A President who has filled one term has necessarily developed and displayed to the people some policy in the conduct of affairs which they either like or dislike. If they like it so far that, with the improvement and progress which greater experience promises, they wish it continued, they re-elect him. But if they do not so like it, and defeat him for re-election, what chance is there that going back to the same old rut will please them better after the ex-President has been four years out of experience and familiarity with public affairs? The country grows and changes marvelously in four years, and the men who failed to satisfy four years ago are not presumably the best men to satisfy to-day. It is less to be expected at this time because great changes have been effected since 1888 in the modes of administration, in the scope and duties of many branches of the service, in the revenue laws and rules and decisions based on them, in the relations between this and other Powers and the duties involved by new relations with them, and in the broad policy of reciprocity. Scarcely any man in the country would be more seriously handicapped than Mr. Cleveland, in attempting to carry forward the Government under conditions so greatly altered.

There is a natural indifference among Democrats, because those who are not politicians or office-seekers do not sincerely desire to go back to the methods and policies of 1888. There is natural discouragement, because Democrats discover that many of their own number, especially business men and manufacturers, are thoroughly averse to the reactionary change which they think a second election of Mr. Cleveland would involve. They did not quite like his Administration four years ago, but have since seen one which they like much better. They do not want a new and violent agitation of the tariff question, just as industries are making fine progress under the new law; they do not want the Postal Service crippled, the Land Office made an instrument for oppressing settlers, the Pension Office used to worry pensioners out of their lives, the Treasury employed to help foreign against American producers, and the State Department used to break up reciprocity and embroil the Nation with other Powers. Especially, they do not want confidence in the currency undermined by desperate efforts to satisfy a fanatical Democratic majority, crazy for free coinage and "at least \$50 per capita."

MCKINLEY WAGES.

Another striking tariff story is offered in our staff correspondent's letter from Gloversville, the great centre of the American glove trade. We ask Democratic tariff agitators to take up this case, to sift the evidence and to let us know in what respect the McKinley Tariff act has operated badly. Let us first remind them of their sinister predictions when the duties on gloves were increased two years ago. They assumed that the manufacturers would form a trust and advance the price of their goods; that a few rich men would make millions out of the increased tariff rates, and that not one operative employed in the factories would have his wages raised, and that the poor consumer would be taxed whenever he bought a pair of gloves. Not one of these forecasts has been justified after the act has been in operation for two years.

No trust has been formed for regulating the price of gloves. There is unrestricted competition among the manufacturers. The increased duties have displaced a large portion of the importation, have greatly expanded the volume of domestic manufacture, and have enabled American glove-makers to compete with foreigners in nearly all lines of gloves. The operatives in the factories and the farmers' families who finish gloves in their own homes have a fair share in the benefits of the increased duties. Their earnings are greater than in 1890; the rates for piecework have been increased; the introduction of higher grades of work has involved promotions in mills and a marked addition to wages; employment has been constant from the beginning to the end

of the year, and work has been provided for new classes of workmen recruited from a farming community. There is hardly an operative to be found in the industrial centre, whence a product of \$10,000,000 is sent to market, who is not receiving more money week by week than he was earning before the passage of the act. His gain is not the consumer's loss. Not a single line of gloves manufactured in Gloversville and Johnston has advanced in price.

The reverse is true. The reduction in cost will average 5 per cent, and in many lines of cheaper goods it is much greater.

Ex-Governor Campbell, when he was in Rhode Island last spring on the same platform with Mr. Cleveland, declared in his shrillest treble that not one workman among the millions in America had had his wages raised in consequence of the passage of the McKinley act. If he will go to Gloversville he will never repeat that cheap campaign fiction; nor will any of the low-tariff advocates, after an exhaustive investigation of wages in the glove trade, follow Senator Carlisle in his argument that while wages have increased in two years in all the unprotected industries of the country they have fallen in protected industries. The glove industry as a whole offers a conspicuous illustration of the operation of the McKinley act in all essential respects. Wages have been increased, prices have been reduced, foreign importations have been displaced, work has been given to Americans in preference to Europeans, higher grades of manufacture have been introduced, and a great impulse has been imparted to an industry eminently adapted for a farming community.

CLEMENCY THAT IS CRUEL.

Mr. Cleveland evidently regrets that he allowed himself to be made the most conspicuous and influential agent in procuring from Governor Buchanan, of Tennessee, a commutation of the sentence of Colonel H. Clay King. As he becomes aware of the popular indignation which this act of clemency has produced, and realizes how just the indignation is, his own burden of responsibility must weigh heavily upon him.

There could not be a more atrocious crime than the murder of Poston. The assassin whom manufactured compassion has saved from the gallows had earned the scorn of every honest man and woman before that final infamy. By a long course of lust and treachery he had made himself odious to the community in which he lived, and invalidated every natural tie. He possessed not one lovable or respectable trait of character. He was cruel, cowardly, malignant, and the crime for which he was condemned to death was a complete revelation of the man. He gave his victim no warning; he did not even face him boldly, but shot him down as he walked past unconscious of danger. In such a case there was no use in appealing even to that false sense of honor which is too often successfully invoked in Southern States. A jury found him guilty without delay, and the verdict was sustained in every court and by an overwhelming public sentiment. But there were those who unmeritedly affection and family pride naturally enlisted on his side, and there were others whose ignorance and credulity and pity were deftly played upon. Governor Buchanan was besieged and weakly surrendered, and now under the pressure of public wrath and condemnation he produces a letter from Mr. Cleveland to justify his clemency.

Mr. Cleveland did not address the letter to the Governor. He thought and said that it would be improper to do so. He sent it to the assassin's niece. He told her that his slight knowledge of the case led him to suppose that her uncle would not be convicted of murder in the first degree, and then he wrote as follows: "I feel that there are circumstances in your uncle's case which ought to appeal strongly to the pardoning power, and I earnestly hope that such representations may be made to your Governor as will avert the execution of the death sentence which has been pronounced." This appeal, indirect but not less powerful or welcome on that account, and perhaps especially effective because of its expressed deference to the properties, was instantly and hopefully placed in the hands of Governor Buchanan. He could not resist it, and he now offers it in justification of an act which has set his State and the country against him. We have not the least doubt that Mr. Cleveland's motives were good, but he made a deplorable mistake. And it is because his position makes his error so important and so conspicuous that we cite it to enforce the lesson which this example of misdirected compassion teaches.

THE HUMILIATION OF THE ANTI-SNAPPERS.

These continue to be sad days for the Grace Fairchild wing of the New-York Democracy. Their present post-office address is the valley of humiliation. They have been sneered at, snubbed and sat upon. Although they went to Syracuse and made a fight, which helped greatly to secure the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, their only recognition which they are receiving in the campaign is the recognition of open contempt. The management of Mr. Cleveland's canvass is entrusted to Mr. Hill's lieutenants, while they themselves are utterly and carefully ignored. Mr. Murphy, the chairman of the Democratic Committee, may not have given explicit orders to the doorkeeper of the committee-rooms to deny admission to all persons known to have had anything to do with the Syracuse movement; Mr. Sheehan, the chairman of the committee's Campaign Committee, may not have instructed his secretary that he was never at home when Mr. Grace or Mr. Fairchild called, but if these things had been done, the poor Anti-Snappers could hardly be in a worse plight than the one in which they now find themselves. They made an earnest fight against Hill at Syracuse. Now he is having his revenge. Feeding fat the grudge he bears them, he is making them the laughing-stock of Democrats the country over. They are known as Mr. Cleveland's closest political friends, and still at Hill's dictation they are denied anything more than passive participation in the Cleveland campaign.

Now it is possible that the Anti-Snappers could bear their position, mortifying as it is, with a show of fortitude were it not for the fact that they cannot but know as intelligent men that Mr. Cleveland himself has consented to their humiliation. Having done everything for him, what has he done for them? Nothing. He has left them in the lurch. He has left them a prey to Hill's revenge. It is not possible that if Cleveland had put his foot down Sheehan would have been chosen. It is not supposable that if Cleveland had insisted that the Anti-Snappers should be adequately represented on the Democratic Committee his wishes would have been disregarded. In the circumstances, it is not strange that one of the prominent Anti-Snappers should have lately remarked: "I am beginning to suspect that those who affirm that Grover Cleveland is nothing if not cold-blooded and ungrateful are more than half right."

It remains to be seen how the Anti-Snappers will conduct themselves during the campaign. It may be that for the sake of harmony they will overlook the kicks and cuffs, the gall and

wormwood, which are their portion, and stand up manfully for Cleveland, who fails to stand up for them at all. They may endeavor to excuse his treatment of them, saying: "He wouldn't have done it if he hadn't been so afraid of offending Hill and Tammany." They may act thus unselfishly, and then again they may become possessed of the resentful mood. "Even the banana-peel," remarked a philosopher, "when trodden upon will turn."

MONEY AND BUSINESS.

The Street is apt to be nearsighted. It sees what is on the tape, and watches that so closely that it fails to see some other things. The fall of silver to 37 7/8, per ounce, with continued gold prices, crop reports not wholly favorable, and a decline in stocks, have caused some disquietude during the last week. But the enormous increase in imports is a much more significant fact, which many overlook and some labor to explain away. In two weeks of August the imports at New-York have been \$30,101,412, against \$10,783,103 for the same weeks last year, a gain of 52.1 per cent. This might be reckoned a mere accident, but in the previous five weeks the imports here were over \$60,000,000, and the increase over last year 20 per cent. Exports for the last two weeks show a decrease of 7.5 per cent following a slight decrease in the extraordinary movement last year. But last year's exports in August were the largest ever known in that month, and as two-thirds of the imports are at New-York, an increase of 50 per cent here means something. For one thing, it means that depression of industries and prices